DRDA Scheme

504. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DRDA schemes are not being grounded due to lack of co-operation from national banks;

(b) whether Government have examined the problem of availability of participation in backward areas by nationalised banks; and

(c) the steps proposed to obtain better coordination by DRDAs from nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) To ensure better coordination between DRDA and financial institutions regular review meetings at all levels are arranged and bottlenecks with regard to credit support by Nationalised Banks etc. are sorted out on priority basis in the various Committees listed below :—

(i) Block Level Bankers Committee (BLBC) — Headed by Lead Bank Officer of the district. It meets quarterly for the preparation of block credit plan and remove operational problems in its implementation.

(ii) Block Level Block Consultative Committee (BLCC) — Headed by Sub Divisional Officer. The Committee monitors the progress of sanction of application and related issues.

(iii) District Level Consultative Committee (DLCC) — This Committee headed by District Collector, allocates the share of credit disbursement to various banks and monitors the physical and financial progress of IRDP.

(iv) State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC)—The Committee reviews the implementation of the Annual Action Plan/District Credit Plan.

(v) High Level Committee at Central Level (HLCC) — The HLCC headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Senior representatives from Government of India, Commercial Banks, NABARD and RBI, reviews the credit arrangements and recommends changes and improvements as and when required.

RBI has also set up a Committee known as "High Power Expert Committee" under the Chairmanship of its Dy. Governor to review and suggest modification for better implementation of IRDP.

Development Programme for Rural Women

505. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are studying the impact of various rural development schems on rural women;

(b) whether there has been any significant impact on the income of rural employed women due to rural Development programme like the IRDP; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) Special safeguards have been provided under various poverty alleviation programmes for providing both self-employment & wage employment to rural women. Accordingly, a target of 40 per cent has been fixed for rural women under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and 30 per cent under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) As a sub-scheme of IRDP, an exclusive programme viz Development of women & children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is also under implementation. The impact of these programmes on rural women, among others, are reviewed